

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,  
  
Debtor.

Case No.: 20-10322-CLB  
Chapter: 11

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] *Nunc Pro Tunc* to February 28, 2020, Connors LLP has filed the Monthly Fee Statement of Connors LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., for the Period September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

DATED: Buffalo, New York  
October 23, 2023

s/ Randall D. White  
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**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF CONNORS LLP**  
**FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND**  
**REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO**  
**THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.**  
**FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	Connors LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> to February 28, 2020
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	80% of \$14,235.00 ( <b>\$11,388.00</b> )
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	<b>\$611.29</b>

This is a:      X   monthly    \_\_\_ quarterly    \_\_\_ final application.

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ monthly fee statement of Connors LLP in this case.

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October 20, 2023

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Invoice#	39931	RDW
Our file#	002700	00006
Billing through		09/30/2023

**MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

09/01/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Prepare for next Independent Review Board meeting.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
09/01/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Review new complaint (.4); communication with Chancery representatives regarding same (.7); communication with claimant's attorney regarding same (.2).	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
09/05/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Work on new allegation of past adult abuse (.5); communication with Victim Assistance Coordinator and Chancery representative regarding meeting with complainant (.6); communication with attorney for claimant (.3).	1.40 hrs.	250 /hr	350.00
09/08/2023	RMV	(Misc) Prepare for upcoming audit by reviewing recent claims.	2.60 hrs.	100 /hr	260.00
09/09/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding new complaint (.2); communication with investigator regarding same and regarding next Independent Review Board meeting (.4); communication with Chancery representative regarding same (.2).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
09/09/2023	TMC	(Independent Review Board) Receiving information from a number of sources regarding	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00

		Independent Diocesan Review Board matter.			
09/11/2023	TMC	(Independent Review Board) Calls with attorney for priest regarding status and priest's Independent Review Board matter (.5); providing this information to Lawlor F. Quinlan III (.3).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
09/11/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communication with Chancery representative regarding Independent Review Board meeting.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
09/11/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communication with attorney for claimant regarding use of proof of claim and participation in investigation (.4); work with investigator regarding same (.2).	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
09/12/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next week's Independent Review Board meeting (2.1); communication with investigator for completing reports for next week's meeting (.4).	2.50 hrs.	250 /hr	625.00
09/14/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Calls with Independent Review Board Chair regarding next week's meeting (.3); work on documents regarding same (1.0); communications with Victims Assistance Coordinator regarding new complaints (.3); communications with investigator regarding same (.2).	1.80 hrs.	250 /hr	450.00
09/18/2023	TMC	(Independent Review Board) Receiving background information in connection with priest's matter (.4); providing same to Lawlor F. Quinlan III for his presentation to the Independent Review Board (.4); confer with counsel for other NYS dioceses regarding OAG and FOIL issues (.4).	1.20 hrs.	250 /hr	300.00

09/18/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Review new reports from Victims Assistance Coordinator (.5); communication with Independent Review Board Chair regarding same and tomorrow's meeting (.4); communications with attorneys for priest (.3); communications with investigator regarding pending investigations and tomorrow's meeting (.2); work on materials for tomorrow's Independent Review Board meeting (2.1); communication with auditor (.3); prepare for audit (.2).	4.00 hrs.	250 /hr	1,000.00
09/19/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Prepare for and participate in Independent Review Board meeting (4.0); meeting with Independent Review Board Chair regarding issues addressed at meeting (.5).	4.50 hrs.	250 /hr	1,125.00
09/20/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communication with Chancery representative regarding policies.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
09/21/2023	TMC	(Misc) Conference call with an attorney for a parent who had some issues with the operation of a school and efforts to try and resolve these issues satisfactorily.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
09/25/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Prepare for audit by reviewing all claims that have come in during the past year and all documents regarding their handling (4.5); work on documents to assist with audit (.5).	5.00 hrs.	250 /hr	1,250.00
09/25/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents decided upon at Independent Review Board meeting (.8); communication with Independent Review Board Chair regarding same (.3).	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00

09/25/2023	RDW	(Misc) Conference with Terrence M. Connors and Lawlor F. Quinlan III regarding upcoming meeting with monitor.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
09/25/2023	RMV	(Misc) Compile information to help prepare Lawlor F. Quinlan III for upcoming audit.	0.60 hrs.	100 /hr	60.00
09/25/2023	EJG	(Misc) Assist Lawlor F. Quinlan III with preparation for the audit.	0.60 hrs.	100 /hr	60.00
09/26/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents requested by Independent Review Board Chair.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
09/26/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Prepare for audit (.7); appear for questioning by auditors (2.8).	3.50 hrs.	250 /hr	875.00
09/26/2023	EJG	(Misc) Assisting Lawlor F. Quinlan III with documents needed for the 2023 audit.	0.70 hrs.	100 /hr	70.00
09/27/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Assist Chancery representative with questions for audit.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
09/28/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding various issues (.4); work on documents related to last Independent Review Board meeting (.3); communications with Independent Review Board member regarding same (.2); communications with Independent Review Board members regarding policies to be reviewed and potentially revised (.3).	1.20 hrs.	250 /hr	300.00
09/29/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communication with investigator regarding problems connecting with accuser (.3); communication with accuser's attorney in attempts to resolve same (.2).	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
09/30/2023	RDW	(Misc) Preparation of seventh interim fee application.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00

Total fees for this matter

\$8,975.00

## BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	3.10 hrs	250 /hr	775.00
White, Randall D.	Partner	0.80 hrs	250 /hr	200.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	30.20 hrs	250 /hr	7,550.00
Valkwitch, Rachel M.	Legal	3.20 hrs	100 /hr	320.00
	Assistant			
Gay, Emily J.	Legal	1.30 hrs	100 /hr	130.00
	Assistant			
TOTAL FEES		<u>38.60 hrs</u>		<u>\$8,975.00</u>
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				\$8,975.00

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**NYSAG SUBPOENA**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

09/08/2023	LFQ	Review decision of Office of Attorney General and forward to team with comments.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
09/11/2023	LFQ	Communication with team regarding response to the letter from Office of Attorney General.	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
09/12/2023	LFQ	Review past correspondence with Office of Attorney General in 2022 and compare to recent response of Office of Attorney General (.5); prepare for and participate in conference call with team regarding next steps (.8); communications with Jones Day attorneys regarding follow-up (.3).	1.60 hrs.	250 /hr	400.00
09/13/2023	LFQ	Communication with team regarding obtaining additional information for appeal.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
09/14/2023	LFQ	Prepare for and participate in call with team regarding appeal of Office of Attorney General determination (.7); research regarding potential Article 78 proceeding (.2).	0.90 hrs.	250 /hr	225.00
09/14/2023	TMC	Preparation for and participation in conference call with attorneys for other NYS dioceses regarding status of investigations.	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
09/19/2023	LFQ	Work on FOIL research and exceptions (2.0); work on appeal of FOIL officer's decision (1.1).	3.10 hrs.	250 /hr	775.00



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09/20/2023	LFQ	Work on appeal (2.0); work on research to help with potential Article 78 proceeding (1.4); communications with Jones Day attorneys regarding same (.2).	3.60 hrs.	250 /hr	900.00
09/21/2023	LFQ	Work on letter to Office of Attorney General (.2); participate in call with team (.7).	0.90 hrs.	250 /hr	225.00
09/25/2023	LFQ	Work on appeal of decision of records officer (.6); communication with team regarding same (.2).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
09/26/2023	LFQ	Finalize appeal (.5); communications regarding same (.2).	0.70 hrs.	250 /hr	175.00
09/28/2023	TMC	Preparation for and participation in a conference call with attorneys for other NYS dioceses regarding status of investigations (.5); memo to file (.2).	0.70 hrs.	250 /hr	175.00

Total fees for this matter

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\$3,525.00DISBURSEMENTS

09/30/2023 COMPUTER RESEARCH - WESTLAW

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69.39

Total disbursements for this matter

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\$69.39

## BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	1.30 hrs	250 /hr	325.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	12.80 hrs	250 /hr	3,200.00
TOTAL FEES		14.10 hrs		<hr/> \$3,525.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$69.39

TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL

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\$3,594.39

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CHILD VICTIMS ACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

09/01/2023	RDW	Review of file regarding bankruptcy notice issues (.4); review of potential document issues (.3); email to BSK regarding both of above (.3).	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
09/02/2023	RDW	Continue review of file and analysis of potential document issues.	1.00 hrs.	250 /hr	250.00
09/06/2023	TMC	Review of the opposition of the Diocese to the stay motion at the request of the Diocese.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
09/06/2023	RDW	Review of opposition to motion regarding stay; email regarding above.	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00
09/08/2023	RDW	Review of motion for sanctions for stay violation regarding CVA state court action.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
09/14/2023	RDW	Receipt of insurer's request for information regarding two claims (.3); emails with paralegal, Emily J. Gay regarding above (.1).	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
09/15/2023	RDW	Research regarding response to insurer's information request regarding two claims (2.4); email to Blank Rome regarding above (.4).	2.80 hrs.	250 /hr	700.00
09/15/2023	EJG	Assisting Randall D. White with an inquiry from Blank Rome.	0.10 hrs.	100 /hr	10.00
09/18/2023	TMC	Review the Creditors' Committee motion to serve non-party document subpoenas and take	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00

non-party depositions in  
pursuant of diocesan coverage.

09/18/2023	RDW	Review of Creditors Committee motion for non-party document production and deposition regarding insurance.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
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Total fees for this matter

\$1,735.00

DISBURSEMENTS

09/29/2023 AUG MONTHLY HOSTING/DATA STORAGE

541.90

Total disbursements for this matter

\$541.90

BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	0.70 hrs	250 /hr	175.00
White, Randall D.	Partner	6.20 hrs	250 /hr	1,550.00
Gay, Emily J.	Legal Assistant	0.10 hrs	100 /hr	10.00

TOTAL FEES	7.00 hrs	<u>\$1,735.00</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$541.90
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$2,276.90
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